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OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE OF NWFP AND THE TRIBAL AGENCIES.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: THE GOVERNOR REMAINS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF CONTINUED HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE AFGHAN REFUGEES BUT IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT REFUGEE-LOCAL TENSIONS COULD ERODE SUPPORT WITHIN PAKISTAN FOR THE GOP'S FIRM STAND ON AFGHANISTAN AND ITS POLICY OF REFUGE AND SUCCOR TO THE REFUGEES. OCCASIONAL BUT SOMETIMES SERIOUS DISPUTES OVER WATER AND GRAZING LAND AND A GENERAL UNDERCURRENT OF DISCOMFORT OVER THE APPARENT INCREASING PERMANENCE OF THE REFUGEES AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY JUSTIFY HIS CONCERN. WE WOULD AGREE WITH HIM THAT BY AND LARGE THE BEHAVIOR OF BOTH THE REFUGEES AND THEIR HOSTS HAS SO FAR BEEN COMMENDABLE. END L. O. U. LORTON

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